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# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## Three Months in "Arkansaw."

W. H. Beal of this county, now sojourning in Nebraska, spent three months in Arkansas this winter and he tells the MESSAGE some of his observations, incidentally mentioning several people who used to reside in Audrain county.

The first town at which he stopped was Siloam Springs, on the summit of the Ozark mountains. Siloam is a beautiful city. Here is located Arkansas College, a fine building, on high rolling ground with a fine view of the surrounding country. A new school building just completed, which will compare with Mexico High School building on Monroe street. A vinegar factory works up the surplus fruit produced—this is one of the finest fruit sections in the world. The strawberry, Alberta peach, and the big red apple are the principal fruits. Last year some made as much as \$1000 from a 10 acre field of strawberries. Siloam spring water has the taste of chewing gum of commerce. Land here sells at \$15 per acre.

From here went south on the way to Green Briar. On the way saw the razor back hog rooting in the snow for hickory nuts. It looked like root hog or die sure enough. Arkansas enforces the Jim Crow Law, but I saw no negroes on any of the trains. Noticed a log cabin from the car window. It was built of wood and stone and an old barrel was used to carry the smoke above the roof. A companion passenger commented: "Now, that fellow who lives there is as happy as any man in Arkansas. He doesn't know if there is any better place than this. He raises a little cotton, a few sweet potatoes and some corn. His hogs fatten on acorns, he gets a little money for his cotton for his necessities, and what more does he want? To him ignorance is bliss and a contented mind a continual feast."

I landed from the cars at Conway, Arkansas. Dr. Earl Williams, who was raised at Laddonia and Perry, Mo., lives at Green Briar, a little town 12 miles from the railroad. My sister, Mrs. V. Williams, who used to teach at the old Asher school house in Audrain county, now Oak Grove, also resides at Green Briar. The place has six stores, one drug store, not allowed to sell whisky; three churches—Methodist, Baptist and Holiness. The people are very pious and strictly temperate and hospitable.

You see a woman now and then taking snuff. They use a stick with a brush on one end and dip into a tin box with snuff which they carry. The brush is inserted in the mouth and they sit and chew and suck it. But they are getting shy about strangers seeing them.

We left Little Rock, Ark., April 6th. The peach blooms were all shed, apple trees were in bloom, gardens were all planted—nature had put on her best robe everywhere.

FOR SALE—Full Plymouth Rock eggs. 3 1/2 miles north of Mexico. Phone Hickory 21.

Mrs. F. J. HARRIS.

## Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that final settlement of the estate of Annie E. Roberts, deceased, will be made at the May term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, State of Missouri, to be held at Mexico, on the second Monday, 1908.

WM. A. ROBERTS, Executor.

## Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.,  
Sam Locke, Cashier.

## Died Last Week.

Mr. Andrew D. Erisman, east of Mexico, died the 14th inst. after a long illness. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church at Benton City last Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. John Kerr of Perry.

Mr. Erisman was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 13, 1844. He came to Missouri in 1870 and settled on the farm where he resided until his death.

He was one of the youngest of a family of 13 children.

On August 4th, 1870, in Ohio, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Brentlinger.

The wife survives him besides the following children: Brent, Chris., Frank and William Erisman, all of Audrain county, and Mrs. Ida Painter of Rockford, Ill. Mrs. Bert Miller of Benton City and Misses Lucy and Emma Erisman, at home, all of whom were present at his death and the funeral.

Three brothers and two sisters also survive him—Chris. Erisman, of Kansas City, Mo.; Jacob Erisman, of Greenville, Mo.; Daniel Erisman, of Benton City, Mo., and Mrs. Susan Lambert and Mrs. Becky Grammer, both of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Erisman was a good neighbor and a most estimable citizen, and the MESSAGE is sorry to chronicle his death. His character was one worthy of imitation. He was always for what was just and elevating. He will be greatly missed in the family circle and in the community.

## Mrs. Azdell Dead.

The Fulton Gazette contained the following last week:

Mrs. H. W. Azdell, of Laddonia, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. M. Bradley, in this city Sunday, of tuberculosis, and was buried Monday at Laddonia after funeral services by Rev. Britt P. Taylor, of Richmond.

Mrs. Azdell was a native of Callaway county and was born in 1873. She was married in 1903. Her husband, a farmer living near Laddonia, and a six-months-old child, as well as her mother, three sisters and two brothers survive her. The sisters are Misses Lena and Ora Bradley, of Fulton, and Mrs. Addie Smoot, of Canada. The brothers are J. F. Bradley, of Mokane, and Irving Bradley, of Kansas City. Mrs. Azdell had been a member of the Methodist church seventeen years.

## Circuit Court Cases.

Helf & Frerich Chemical Company vs. Mexico Ice & Storage Company, on account.

Marshall Ice Co. vs. Mexico Ice and Storage Company, on note.

A. G. Turner, et al. vs. J. O. Edmouston, et al. reversed and remanded.

W. W. Conner vs. M. L. Jones, for money.

W. L. Fowles vs. Mark Pilcher, et al. ejectment.

Arch R. Asbury vs. the C. & A. R. R. Co., damages.

B. R. Middleton vs. M. Burke, on contract.

## News From Missouri.

Philip Shire sends the MESSAGE to his niece, Miss Hannah Brown at Staunton, Ill. Philip says the farm is a glorious place these spring days. The oat prospect is fine and the wheat never looked better—high enough to hide a rabbit now.—Mexico, Mo., MESSAGE.

The MESSAGE is one of the brightest and newest papers that comes to our office and Mr. Shire has many relatives and acquaintances in this city, as he is an old Staunton boy, who will be glad to hear that his prospects for raising good crops this year are of the brightest.—Staunton (Ill.) Star.

## SOME CASH; SOME NEWS

W. Hardin Sims: of Thompson, renews.

J. F. Greenbury: Renews for the MESSAGE.

Louis Kircher: Of Rush Hill is ahead on subscription to 1909.

W. R. Plybon: Renews. "Can't keep house without the MESSAGE."

Mrs. M. F. Williams: One of our good friends out at Molino renews.

Mrs. Annie Miller: One of our valued readers out on route 7, Mexico, renews.

P. Leirheimer: One of our good friends out on route 4, Mexico, renews for the MESSAGE.

J. J. Wakefield: County Road Engineer, a mighty good fellow, joins our big list of readers.

J. E. Shaban: A valuable reader out on route 5, Mexico, gladdens us with a renewal favor.

J. H. Faucett: Amarillo, Texas. "I send you one dollar. Please extend my time for the MESSAGE."

Dr. A. M. Underwood: At Holstein, Mo., "I send you money order for \$2. Keep the MESSAGE coming."

E. W. McFaddin: "I want the MESSAGE again at Molino. Can't do without it, at least my children won't do without it."

Josiah Martin: Of Garlington, Okla., sends the wherewithal to pay up to 1909. He says, "let her come, we want the paper."

R. A. Stuart: A new reader. He lately bought the 40 acre Steward farm, southwest of Mexico, and has moved onto the same. He has a nice little place.

W. L. Wilburn: "I want to renew for the MESSAGE. It's a welcome visitor at our house." Mr. Wilburn is an industrious farmer of Benton City neighborhood.

O. C. Ehrlich: Pats his name on our list. The MESSAGE enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Ehrlich last Thursday. They live on the John I. McClintic place, out on West Lick, this county.

Mrs. Annie C. Armistead: "I want to pay for your paper a year in advance. We like the MESSAGE at our house and must have it." Mrs. Armistead is a popular butter maker and sells much of her product on the Mexico market.

N. B. Wilkerson: "I want your paper at Santa Fe and here's the dollar." Mr. Wilkerson is the father of K. B. and C. B. Wilkerson, the well known nurserymen of Santa Fe and Mexico. K. B. Wilkerson also subscribes for the paper and C. B. Wilkerson renews. They are all pushing and energetic fellows.

J. E. Dishman: "I want to try the MESSAGE a year. What do you think of the chances for local option in Mexico?" Mr. Dishman lives out near "Seed Tick" church—the building is on part of his farm. He is one among a large number of Audrain county farmers who want a dry county seat and a clean town to come to for their trading.

J. P. Robnett: Southeast of Laddonia joins our subscription list. Mr. Robnett, E. Nichols and Frank Eckler were in Mexico last Friday arranging to straighten out a land title. Mr. Robnett has bought 60 acres, part of the old Wesley Nichols place, and is arranging to put a \$1,250 five room residence on it soon. He will then have a nice farm.

F. S. Akridge: He writes from Laddonia—"I send you one dollar. Keep the MESSAGE coming this way till my time expires and then I'll see if I can't dig up another dollar. I think that new postal ruling is all right. The editor needs his pay, like anybody else. I had a letter from our old friend, J. R. Shell, up in Canada. They had a fine winter, very little snow and no rain. Mrs. Lou Shell Berry is very low with lung trouble. Miss Nellie Shell is teaching school at a good salary. The boys are all farming and doing well." Mr. Akridge was an old boyhood friend of the editor, and his wife, nee, Rebecca Thomas, puts the following note in Mr. Akridge's letter and signs it "Beck": "As I write I can see John Beal in my mind's eye entering the old Asher school house, on Lick Creek, years ago."

W. G. Sims: The wood and coal man, makes advance subscription payment.

J. F. Winn: Postoffice at Centralia. A good Mexico friend sends him a present of the MESSAGE for a year.

Everett McDonald: Lives south of Mexico. Born and raised here, and a mighty good fellow. He joins our army of subscribers.

## Little Child Dead.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright, near Benton City, died last Friday night. The burial was at Benton City Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Buys Clarkson Hotel.

O. A. Edson of near Laddonia traded his fine 380 acre farm last week for the Clarkson Hotel in Mexico, the property of C. F. Clark. The hotel was valued at \$30,000. Mr. Campbell will continue as manager of the hotel.

## The City Appointments.

E. W. Walker is street commissioner; F. M. Williams, cemetery sexton; C. A. Rothwell, city physician; L. L. Winans, city engineer; V. F. Morris, fire chief; T. L. Hall, city weigher; O. Canterbury, driver fire wagon; E. A. Dearing, city clerk; W. K. Potts, mayor protem.

## Buys Three Choice Lots.

George H. Randle is "Tickled with Mexico." He believes the town has a great future before it. Last Saturday Mr. Randle bought from Lane & Buckner three choice lots just southeast of the Shoe Factory and he will erect one or two residences thereon. The Shoe Factory and the prospects for that electric railway are making things lively in Southwest Mexico.

Miss Goldie Emerson will teach in the Duty district next fall and winter.

Liberty school will close tomorrow. A literary program will be rendered.

Harry Householder delivered 5,000 bushels of corn at Thompson recently at 50 cents a bushel.

A. B. Powell has bought the J. B. (Lebbius Ball) Woods residence in Southwest Mexico, paying \$1,200.

J. A. Quick and family of Laddonia will move to Palaski county, Mo., where Mr. Quick has bought a farm.

Singleton Wales, formerly residing northeast of this city, died last week, in Minnesota. He was a brother of the late G. N. Wales of Mexico.

James Young, southeast of Mexico, enjoyed a visit recently from his two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Hamilton and Mrs. Kate Bryant, both of Walla Walla, Wash.

Judge W. W. Botts united in marriage one day last week, at the Mexico court house, Mr. Bradley Huff and Miss Pearl Forwin, of St. Francois County, Mo.

FOR SALE—70 acres more or less located within three miles of the court house, improvements fair. This is a snap on quick turn. Price \$2500.00.

B. V. MONTAGUE & Co.

The funeral of Joseph E. Moore was conducted from the home last Thursday morning, funeral discourse by Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer. Members of the Masonic order had charge at the grave.

Mr. J. V. Faires, who if he lives will be 91 years of age the 11th of next June, suffered a serious sinking spell last Friday and his son James Faires, at Laddonia, was sent for. Mr. Faires rallied by Sunday and is now about his usual self again.

Several choice residences Mexico for sale cheap.

LAKENAN & BARNES.

## SURROUNDING AUDRAIN

The fire brick plant at Fulton shut down last week and 100 men are out of employment.

Lincoln county is arranging to issue \$35,000 in bonds for new buildings on the county poor farm.

Virgil Turner had a couple of \$300 packages handed him by Judge Stockton in Columbia Thursday for violating the local option law.

Jesse Rosenstigel of Ralls county killed two spreadhead snakes the other day. He is sure they were not the kind of snakes that get into your boots.

The Middletown Chips says that Elmer Dunn left on Monday for Mexico, where he has been engaged by the county authorities to get up a map of the county showing the road districts. It is no easy job, and requires no small amount of talent to accomplish it.

Dan Calvin, near Elsberry, was burning stumps in a field the other day and was killed by the premature explosion of fourteen sticks of dynamite. Both hands and legs were blown off and Calvin's heart was blown out by the explosion. One hand was hurled fifty yards.

The Fulton Telegraph remarks that George Dean, of Audrain county, bought a pair of horses, Monday, in Fulton, for \$275, and before the day was gone sold them to another Audrain man for \$375. The question is, did George make the hundred dollars off the Audrain man or the Callaway man.

A deed of trust for \$850,000 with the Carnegie Trust Company of New York as trustee was filed with Circuit Clerk Dry at Paris last week to secure the 6 per cent gold bonds the Santa Fe, Perry & Mexico electric road is preparing to issue. Work on the right-of-way continues all along the line.

The Louisiana Light, Power and Traction Company will build an electric line between Louisiana and Bowling Green, probably this summer. It will be eleven miles long. Capital stock, \$200,000. Power-house and repair shop will be located at Louisiana. D. Turnbull is president and general manager, and E. E. Murray, of Louisiana, secretary.

Last week was death week in Centralia. Six deaths were reported, more than at any one time in four years. The deaths were: Giles Adams, aged 94, a pioneer citizen; Mrs. Annie Davis, wife of a prominent farmer near Centralia; Mrs. Fred Shatzer, Russell Porter, Uncle Joe Pickett and Mrs. F. M. Rhodes. The funeral of the last four were held on the same day, Wednesday.

Perry Enterprise: Mrs. Wm. Cullen, of this city, received a message a few days ago that the government would ship the body of her husband from Cuba to Perry for burial. It will be remembered that Prof. Wm. Cullen was in the government's employ at Cuba, and died a year ago last Christmas. The body is expected here this evening or to-morrow evening, and will be buried at the Underwood burial ground, west of Perry.

This lie is going the rounds, and we put in on an old colored woman of Louisiana who has a large number of children and takes in washing and works like a slave. During a smallpox excitement she was visited by a doctor and told that she must be vaccinated. The old colored woman was good and mad. She said she had no time to stop and be sick with vaccination, and besides could not spare one of her arms; that the children would starve and freeze if she could not do her laundry work. Then the doctor said: "Well, auntie, I will vaccinate you on one of your lower limbs." "I can't spare one of my legs, either." Then the doctor said kindly: "Well, what spot could you spare, because you must be vaccinated." The old colored woman thought and thought, and finally said slowly: "Well, Lord knows, I don't never get no chance to set down."

C. M. Foster sold Grover Valentine one yearling colt for \$72.50.

Ben Adams sold Chas. Powell 24 fat hogs at \$5.70 per hundred pounds.

H. W. Azdell changes his address for the MESSAGE from Fulton back to Laddonia.

D. W. Hoffman of California has been visiting his brother-in-law here, C. W. Strain.

Mrs. B. M. Campbell, whose husband was superintendent of the Mexico Creamery for several years, died a few days ago at her late home in Mascoutah, Ill.

Have you seen those new scrapers they are using in grading for the electric railway? They are quite a wonder. Four new machines put to work last week. Out between Mexico and Molino the work of grading is moving on lively.

## Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Wm. T. Parks, late of Audrain county, Missouri, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain county, bearing date the 14th day of April, 1908. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from benefits of said estate; and if such claims are not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred. S. W. PARKS, Administratrix.

## A RESOLUTION

To Pave the Alley-way in Block Seven of the Original Town of Mexico, Missouri, and to Curb the Same Where Necessary.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Mexico, Missouri, as follows: That the Council of the City of Mexico, Missouri, deem it necessary to pave with first class vitrified paving bricks or blocks the alley way in block 7 original Town of Mexico Missouri, the same to be paved from the North building line of Promenade street to the south building line of Jackson street the same to be paved the full width thereof of 12 feet. The material plans and specifications for said improvement are more particularly shown by the plans diagram and specifications filed by the City Engineer with the City Clerk.

Sec. 2. That the Council deem it necessary in view of the proposed improvement of the alley way in block 7 of the Original Town of Mexico, Missouri, that the said alley be curbed where necessary with oak planks 2 1/2 inches thick as is more particularly shown by the plans and specifications now on file with the City Clerk filed by the City Engineer.

Sec. 3. The cost of said improvement so declared as necessary in sections 1 and 2 hereof shall be paid by levying a special assessment on all lots and tracts of land fronting or abutting on either side of said improvement along the distance so to be improved in proportion to the front foot thereof as provided by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri approved March 27, 1901, and found at page 63 laws of Missouri for 1901.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall be published for two consecutive weeks in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper printed and published in the City of Mexico, Missouri, and if a majority of the resident owners of property liable to taxation for said improvement declared necessary to be done by this resolution, at the date of the passage hereof, who shall own a majority of the front feet owned by residents of this City abutting on said alley so to be improved as aforesaid shall not within ten days thereafter file with the City Clerk of this City their protest against said improvement, the City Council will cause a contract for said work to be let to the lowest and best bidder on the plans and specifications substantially as so made for said improvement, said improvement to be completed not later than October 1st, 1908.

Section 5. The said work and improvement and the taxation therefor shall be done and made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of Mexico and the laws of the State of Missouri relating to and providing for such improvements.

Passed this 13th day of April, 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM, President of the Council.

Approved this 14th day of April, 1908.

E. D. GRAHAM, Mayor.

Attest: WALLACE DRAHNG, City Clerk.